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Mr. William F. Tompkins
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Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tompkins:

I refer to your letter of 6 September 1955 to the Central Intelligence Agency, attention Deputy Director (Plans), in which you requested a review of the brief descriptions of the documents set out in the attachment in order to determine in light of Section 4 of Executive Order No. 10501 whether the documents involved are presently classified and, if so, whether they can be declassified at this time and released to the Senate Internal Subcommittee by the Department of Justice without impairing the defense of the United States.

The documents referred to in the attachment of your letter have been reviewed by appropriate officials of this Agency. All but two of these documents had been declassified earlier and the other two "Special Report No. 90 dated 16 August 1943 and R & A No. 2970 Assemblage No. 50" dated 10 February 1945, which were classified "Confidential", have now been declassified. Insofar as this Agency is concerned, the documents may be released to the Senate Internal Subcommittee without impairing the defense of the United States.

It is believed the request included in your letter of September 6 for information as to the progress being made by the Central Intelligence Agency in reviewing the documents listed in the four attachments to your letter of July 29, 1955, to this Agency, has been answered by the letter to you, dated 21 November 1955, from [redacted] for the Deputy Director (Plans) and by the telephone conversation of 8 December between Mr. Painter of your Division and [redacted] of this Office.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

cc: C/CI Liaison

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